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Presents

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on



The Indian Constitution - Past, Present and the Future
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THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

Constitutions are said to be a product of their times. Historical antecedents and ground realities have had a direct bearing on the framing of constitutions, the world over. One of the objectives of this e-conference is to explore both India's history and the circumstances in which its Constitution was written and the impact they have had on the Constitution. Also, this conference has a special focus on the specific provisions made in Indian Constitution, in the context of addressing India's diversity and heterogeneity.

Social, economical, political and national circumstances keep changing over time. As new circumstances manifest themselves, Constitutions too, as living documents, need to pragmatically adapt to changing circumstances. One of the objectives of this e-conference is to investigate the change of circumstances that have necessitated constitutional amendments. The Indian constitution has room for accommodating amendments. However, the scope of making amendments to the Constitution has been contested over the years. Another objective of this e-conference is to examine the role and scope for making amendments to the Constitution.

The Indian Constitution, largely based on the Westminster model, lacks newer models of governance and democratic devices found in some leading democracies across the world. This e-conference seeks to explore democratic models and devices that can be applied in the context of the formal institutions of the state and in governance in India.

The themes for this e-conference can be broadly classified into the "past", "present" and "future" categories, with reference to the Constitution of India. The themes dealing with the "past" have their focus on the historical, social, cultural and political circumstances that have had a direct bearing on the framing of the Constitution, its principles, policies and provisions. Also, the e-conference seeks to explore features that the Indian Constitution shares with other constitutions, and provisions that are unique to the Indian Constitution.



The "present" category of themes has its focus on circumstances that have put a strain on the Constitution and have necessitated making constitutional amendments. Coalition politics, the rise of regional parties, Center-State relationships with a specific reference to the balance of power, are some of the other key areas of exploration and study in this category. Also, this category has a special focus on the role and scope of Constitutional amendments and the landmark judgements made in this context. The objective in this context is to identify the concerns and constraints in the scope and operation of the constitution, owing to changes in circumstances.

The "future" category of themes has its focus on proposals for new amendments, changes and reforms to the Indian Constitution. Some of the key areas in this category are new institutional and governance model and direct popular checks such as referendum, initiative and recall. While these models and devices have proven to be of utility in some leading democracies across the world, this e-conference seeks to explore their specific applicability in the Indian context.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Registration	25 Aug 2021
Last Date for Abstract Submission	20 Aug 2021
Acceptance Notification	25 Aug 2021
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	28 Aug 2021

Submission of Abstracts and Papers are to be done, each in a separate eMail, as specified below

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SUB-THEMES

Past:

- India's historical, geographical and social bearing on the Constitution
- Communal and political polarization in pre-independent India and its bearing on the Constitution
- From the East India Company to the British Raj - India's path towards self-governance
- The Framing of India's Constitution - Democratic debates, discussions and deliberations
- Indian Constitution - Key principles, policies and provisions
- Comparative study of Constitutions with a specific reference to the Indian Constitution

Present:

- Center-State relationships with reference to the balance of power
- Voting patterns, coalition politics and Constitutional crises in India
- Constitutional amendments and landmark cases
- The independence of the judiciary in the Indian context
- Powers of the government and rights of the individual in a pandemic

Future:

- Direct popular checks - Referendum, initiative and recall and their applicability in the Indian context
- The Indian Constitution - Proposals for amendment, change and reform
- New institutional models of governance for India
- Proposals for new provisions in the Indian Constitution

In addition to the sub-themes suggested above, issues and topics related to the above objectives and themes may also be used in writing papers.



Indicator	Detail
Abstract word limit	300-500 words
Full Paper word limit	3000-5000 words
Document size & format	Size: A4 Format: Microsoft Word “.doc”
Font and size	Times New Roman, size 12
Line spacing	1.5 line spacing
Text alignment	Justified
References	In-text citation and reference should adhere to Harvard Bluebook - 19th Edition
Cover Page details for Abstract and Full Paper	Title of the Paper, Name of the author(s), Official designation / Institutional details, Address, E-mail Id and Contact details of the Author(s).
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Fee-Publication	Rs. 500 (Original & Selected papers will be published as an edited volume with ISBN number with reputed publishers)

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